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### FACT SHEET

## MAYOR SANDERS ANNOUNCES OVERALL CRIME RATE DOWN FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2008

### *BOTH VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME DOWN FROM FIRST SIX MONTHS OF LAST YEAR*

Mayor Sanders today announced that the 2008 quarterly year-to-date crime statistics for the City of San Diego show a **9.7% decrease** in the citywide crime rate over the same period in 2007. The crime rate is calculated per 100,000 residents. In total, there were 3,787 crimes per 100,000 residents in the first half of 2007, versus 3,420 during the first half of 2008.

The overall crime rate is based on totals for “**index crimes**” during the first six months of both time periods in the City:

- Index crimes include:
  - Violent Crimes – murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault
  - Property Crimes – burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft

**Violent crime** went down 2.8% during the first six months of 2008, when compared to that same time period in 2007.

- There were 2,984 violent crimes from January to June 2008, compared to 3,071 in 2007.
- The number of murders committed in the City during the first six months of 2008 dropped by 10.7% from 28 in 2007 to 25 this year.

- The number of aggravated assaults also went down – from 1,910 last year versus 1,777 this year, a 7% drop.
- The robbery rate stayed the same for both time periods at 1,004 while the number of rapes increased by 38% - from 129 to 178.

**Property crime** decreased across the board by 10.2% overall when compared to the same time period in 2007.

- During the first six months of this year there were 19,984 property crimes, as compared to 22,247 during the first six months of 2007.
- Vehicle theft decreased during that same time period– with 5,415 stolen vehicles reported in 2008 versus 6,433 in 2007 – a 15.8% decrease.
- Larceny or theft cases also decreased from 11,972 in 2007 compared to 10,865 in the first half of this year – a 9.2% drop.
- Burglaries were also down from 3,842 in 2007 to 3,704 in 2008 – a 3.6 % drop.

**January to June 2006 Crime Stats Compared to January to June 2008 Crime Stats:**

A check of the crime stats for the first two quarters that Mayor Sanders was in office shows a **12.5%** drop in the crime rate in 2008 when compared to the 2006 numbers.

- There was a 4.9% percent decrease in Violent Crime from 2006 to 2008 with 3,141 in 2006 and 2,984 in 2008.
- There was an 11.05% decrease in Property Crimes from 2006 to 2008, with 22,469 in 2006 to 19,984 in 2008.